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FABLE

Tranſlated out of

PHÆDRUS.

Humbly Inſcribed to the

DIRECTORS and MEMBERS of the *South-Sea* Company.

FAB. V.

Vacca, Capella, Ovis & Leo.

NUnquam eſt fidelis cum potente SOCIETAS.
Teſtatur hæc fabella propoſitum meum.
Vacca & Capella, & patiens Ovis injuriæ,
Socii fuere cum Leone in ſaltibus.
Hi quum cepiſſent Cervum vaſti Corporis,
Sic eſt locutus, partibus factis, Leo:
Ego primam tollo, nominor quia Leo:
Secundam, quia ſum fortis, tribuetis mihi:
Tum quia plùs valeo, me ſequetur tertia:
Malo adficietur, ſi quis quartam tetigerit:
Sic totam Prædam Sola Improbitas abſtulit.

FAB.

The Lion and other Beaſts.

TO avoid being PARTNERS *with thoſe that are mighty,*
You may learn from the Fable which here I indite ye.
The Lion, with three ſilly Beaſts of the Wood,
One Day went a hunting in queſt of ſome Food.
They ran down a Buck, and then they expected
In four equal Quarters to ſee him diſſected.
The Lion was Carver; and rolling his Eyes,
One Part, as your King, I claim for my Prize.
Another Diviſion is due to my Merit,
'Cauſe no other Beaſt has ſo noble a Spirit.
A third Part I challenge, and 'tis but ſmall Gains
For one that in Hunting has took ſo much Pains.
The fourth Part is mine; if any bold Prater
Dare queſtion my Right, I Proclaim him a Traytor.
The Beaſts ſaid they all were his Servants moſt humble,
And made him their Honours, not daring to Grumble.

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